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a creating unit generating a single critique analysis based on the collected critiques when a predetermined number of critiques have been stored in said memory unit.

2. (TWICE AMENDED) A document review apparatus comprising:

a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;

a first memory unit which stores a form which is to be critiqued by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is critique instructions, including corrections and/or suggested changes, relating to contents of the stored form critiqued by the reviewers;

a storing control unit storing the critiques, as collected critiques in said second memory unit;

a creating unit generating statistical data relating to the collected critiques when a predetermined number of critiques from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

3. (ONCE AMENDED) The document review apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a notification unit which notifies the plurality of reviewers that a form to be critiqued is stored in said first memory unit; and

a transmission unit which, when information having a predetermined format and comprising address information has been received by said communication unit, uses said communication unit to transmit information which corresponds to the form stored in said first memory unit to a device identified by said address information.

4. (TWICE AMENDED) The document review apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a display unit displaying textual information; and

an input unit inputting commands, wherein

said updating unit including,

a display control unit which allows said display unit to display the contents of the stored form in said first memory unit in a format enabling an update result using statistical data created by said creating unit to be understood; and

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a contents updating unit which updates the contents of the stored form in said first memory unit based on a command which is input via said input unit while said display control unit is controlling the display.

6. (TWICE AMENDED) A document review system comprising:

a plurality of document review apparatuses; and

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a network which connects said plurality of document review apparatuses, wherein each document review apparatus comprises,

a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;

a memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is critique instructions, including corrections and/or suggested changes, relating to contents of a form critiqued by reviewers;

a storing control unit storing the critiques, as collected critiques in said memory unit; and

a creating unit generating a single critique analysis based on the collected critiques when a predetermined number of critiques have been stored in said memory unit.

7. (TWICE AMENDED) A document review system comprising:

a plurality of document review apparatuses; and

a network which connects said plurality of document review apparatuses, wherein each document review apparatus comprises,

a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;

a first memory unit which stores a form which is to be critiqued by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;


a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is critique instructions, including corrections and/or suggested changes, relating to contents of stored form critiqued by the reviewers;

a storing control unit storing the critiques, as collected critiques in said second memory unit;

a creating unit generating statistical data relating to the collected critiques when a predetermined number of critiques from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

8. (TWICE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,

 a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;

a memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is critique instructions, including corrections and/or suggested changes, relating to contents of a form critiqued by reviewers;

a storing control unit storing the critiques, as collected critiques in said memory unit; and

a creating unit generating a single critique analysis based on the collected critiques when a predetermined number of critiques have been stored in said memory unit.

9. (TWICE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,

a communication unit connected to a network and performing communication with other devices;

a first memory unit which stores a form which is to be critiqued by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is critique instructions, including corrections and/or suggested changes, relating to contents of stored form critiqued by the reviewers;

a storing control unit storing the critiques, as collected critiques in said second memory unit;

a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the collected critiques when a predetermined number of critiques from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

D2 10. (TWICE AMENDED) A computer system, comprising:
a programmed processor to store a document, to transmit the document to users that critique the document via a network, to receive document critique instructions, including corrections and/or suggested changes, from the users via the network, to generate statistical data based upon the critique instructions, and to update the document based upon the statistical data.

D3 11. (NEW) The document review apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory unit stores a review request form and a reviewed form, and
the review request form comprises reviewer information, deadline information, and form storage information, and
the reviewed form comprises data of phrases to be critiqued and relevant information to the phrases.

12. (NEW) The document review apparatus according to claim 11, wherein phrase numbers are appended to the phrases to specify a phrase to be critiqued by the phrase number.

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are independent.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Day et al., (US Patent No. 6,243,722) in view of Yu, (US Patent No. 5,433,483).

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 have been amended, new claims 11-12 have been added, and, thus, claims 1-12 remain pending for reconsideration, which is requested.

No new matter has been added in this Amendment. The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

PRIOR ART

Day

Day discloses a system for collectively developing and modifying networked-based documents (col. 1, lines 11-14). In particular, Day discloses a system that provides a comment